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SUBJ: CHINESE AND PORTUGUESE VIEWS ON FORTHCOMING SECURITY  
COUNCIL CALENDAR

1. AT DINNER AT MY HOUSE EVENING MARCH 11, CHINESE  
PERMREP HUANG HUA INDICATED VIEW THAT ANGOLAN ISSUE WOULD  
FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY IN SECURITY COUNCIL AFTER CONSIDERATION  
OF MOZAMBIQUE SANCTIONS PROBLEM. HE DID NOT SHOW ANY  
PARTICULAR INTEREST IN TIMOR QUESTION. WITH REGARD TO  
ANGOLA, HE INQUIRED WHETHER U.S. COULD ACCEPT A SHORT,  
SIMPLY WORDED RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD CONDEMN SOUTH AFRICA  
AND DEMAND COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS FROM  
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ANGOLAN TERRITORY AND INDICATED HE COULD LIVE WITH THAT

FORMULATION. I ASKED HOW CHINA WOULD VIEW A RESOLUTION DIRECTED SOLELY AT SOUTH AFRICA, AND WITHOUT ANY REFERENCE TO THE SOVIET/CUBAN PRESENCE IN ANGOLA OR ANY GENERAL LANGUAGE AGAINST INTERVENTION. HUANG HUA REPLIED THAT HE HAD ALREADY MADE CHINA'S VIEW CLEAR WITH RESPECT TO SOVIET/CUBAN INTERVENTION. BESIDES, HE SAID, WE DON'T HAVE THE NINE VOTES NECESSARY TO INCLUDE SUCH REFERENCES.

2. HUANG HUA WENT ON TO SPECULATE ON POSSIBILITY OF EARLY WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS FROM ANGOLA ON SOUTH AFRICA'S OWN INITIATIVE. HUANG HUA SAID THAT POSSIBILITY BROUGHT INTO PLAY AN OLD CHINESE PROVERB ABOUT "WITHDRAWING THE FIRE FROM UNDER THE OVEN." IN SUCH EVENT, COMMENTED HUANG HUA WITH A GLEEFUL CHUCKLE, THE SOVIETS AND THE CUBANS WOULD BE "LEFT HIGH AND DRY ON THE BEACH IN ANGOLA." IT WAS CLEAR THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR WOULD WELCOME THAT SORT OF SITUATION AT TIME OF SC DEBATE.

3. IN LATER CONVERSATION WITH NEW PORTUGUESE PERMREP, LATTER EMPHASIZED HIS GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN HAVING TIMOR CONSIDERED IN SC. HOWEVER, HE UNDERSTOOD THAT BENIN AS PRESIDENT OF SECURITY COUNCIL THIS MONTH WANTED TO HAVE ALL THE AFRICAN ITEMS CONSIDERED UNDER HIS PRESIDENCY. THAT IN GALVAO-TELES OPINION MEANT WE WOULD PROBABLY NOT GET TO TIMOR DURING MARCH.  
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